



KINGTON URBAN DISTRICT
Herefordshire

Joint
A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
Medical Officer of Health
and of the
Public Health Inspector
for the year 1962

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(As at 31st December 1962)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kington Urban
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report
for the year 1962, together with the Report of the
Public Health Inspector.

Statistical section

I am pleased to record the first ever year
without an infant death, otherwise there is little
on which to comment.

Housing

I am very glad to see the progress in the
use of Improvement Grants, eleven being approved
during the year. The details are contained in
Mr. Allen's housing report.

There are still a number of substandard
properties to be dealt with, and I hope that we
shall continue to progress in this matter.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	857
Estimated mid-year home population	1,890
Average number of persons per acre	2.2
Number of inhabited houses	651
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	0.8
Average number of persons per house	2.9
Rateable Value	£23,343
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£226

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	12	13	25
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.08 1962 1961 1960 1959 1958

Kington U.D. (Crude)	14.3	17.4	15.4	14.7	12.4
" " (Adjusted)	15.5	18.8	16.6	15.9	13.4
England and Wales	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Kington U.D. ..	7.4
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington U.D. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	80.0
England and Wales ...	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington U.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington U.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington U.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington U.D.	(Total	Nil	31.2	35.7	37.0	86.9
	(Legitimate	Nil	32.2	37.0	37.0	95.2
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.4	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5
	(Legitimate	*	21.2	21.5	21.9	22.3
	(Illegitimate	*	25.3	26.4	27.4	27.8

* figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington U.D. .. Nil
 England and Wales .. *

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	13	13	26
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
Comparability factor:	0.76	1962	1961 1960 1959 1958
Kington U.D. (Crude)	13.8	11.4	15.4 19.0 16.2
" " (Adjusted)	10.5	7.0	9.7 13.5 12.3
England and Wales	11.9	12.0	11.5 11.6 11.7

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	2	4	6
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
	1962	1961	1960 1959 1958
Kington U.D.	3.17	3.26	2.20 3.80 2.22
England and Wales	*	2.15	2.16 2.14 2.12

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	8	6	14
Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year population:			
	1962	1961	1960 1959 1958
Kington U.D.	7.41	5.98	13.19 9.78 5.40
England and Wales	*	6.10	6.00 5.88 6.07

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	1	1	2

* figures not yet available

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington U.D.	1.06	1.09	1.64	3.26	3.78
England and Wales	*	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37
	* figure not yet available				

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	3	7
Coronary disease, angina	2	-	2
Other heart disease	-	3	3
Other circulatory disease	2	-	2
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	1	1	2
TOTAL	13	13	26

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - KINGTON U.D.

Disease	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	-	52	-	43	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-

NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE

Whooping Cough	13	126	70	38	39
Measles	337	583	189	388	258
Scarlet Fever	9	11	23	46	28
Erysipelas	5	3	4	4	2
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	1	3	-	-
Post-Infectious	2	-	1	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	15	18	18	33	14
Dysentery	1	62	123	3	16
Food Poisoning	5	11	39	3	5
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-	-	2
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	7	9	7	13	7
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	3	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	1	-	-	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HERFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	3	1	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	-	-	-	6	14	103	52	23	3	40	79	17	337
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	9
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	5	-	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	15
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.36	0.19
Measles	9.28	4.0
Scarlet Fever	0.25	0.33
Erysipelas	0.14	0.04
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.002
Post-Infectious	0.05	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.41	0.27
Dysentery	0.03	0.66
Food Poisoning	0.14	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.03	0.003
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.19	0.39
Non-Pulmonary	0.05	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.70	8.33

* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTWATER SUPPLY

The source of supply is a spring at Crooked Well. This is augmented during summer months by water abstracted from a borehole nearby. These supplies are pumped into a service reservoir, and from this point gravitate to the consumers. Some consumers sited above the reservoir obtain their water supply via a pressure unit. In addition, a 3" main has been laid into the urban district at Headbrook, coming from the Kington Rural area water supply. This has been connected to the existing distribution system.

An ample supply has been available during the year to most parts of Kington. An exception was the Gravel Hill area, where a shortage occurred due to a considerable length of main of inadequate capacity. The Herefordshire Water Board have agreed to lay a new water main to this area.

The quality of the water has remained satisfactory throughout the year. Eight samples were taken for bacteriological examination and they were found to be satisfactory. One sample was delayed in transit and could not be examined. Serious discolouration occurred to the supply when water was fed into the system from the new 3" main at Headbrook. This was stated by the Herefordshire Water Board to be due to a reversal of the flow of water in the mains.

No. of houses supplied by public water mains	
direct to house	.. 647
No. of houses supplied by public water mains	
by means of standpipes	.. 5
No. of houses supplied by private undertakings	.. 7
No. of houses supplied by wells and springs	.. 7

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A sample of sewage effluent was taken in the early part of the year and found to be satisfactory.

Following an adverse sample being taken by the Wye River Board, the Council's consultants asked for a series of samples to be taken of final effluent, laundry effluent, and sludge, so as to ensure that works were functioning satisfactorily, and to assess the safe amount of re-circulation.

It was also decided that rather than drain sludge from the digestion tanks on to drying beds at this stage, a tank trailer be obtained to receive liquid sludge and to discharge this on to agricultural land in the neighbourhood. In this way the contents of these tanks were satisfactorily disposed of, but it did result in very strong complaints being received from residents living in areas where sludge was discharged.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE (Continued)

A sample of sewage effluent taken later in the year was found to be satisfactory.

During the year further improvements were made to drainage from existing properties, and other properties inaccessible to the sewer were drained into individual septic tank/soakaways.

No. of houses connected to public sewers	..	575
No. of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works	..	51
No. of houses using chemical or pail closets with satisfactory disposal	..	40
No. of houses using chemical or pail closets with unsatisfactory disposal		Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of household refuse is maintained from properties in the area. Business premises in the centre of the town have their refuse removed more frequently. A kerbside collection is operated and carried out by direct labour.

Generally speaking, house and trade refuse has become more bulky due to more tinned and bottled goods being used by householders and more goods being packed in cardboard cartons, most of which are put out for collection.

The new refuse vehicle has given satisfactory service, but it has not been possible to gain access to all the narrower roadways, and some refuse has had to be carried out by handcart to the lorry.

Most of the refuse is being burnt in the old incinerator, and the remainder is being tipped on the old sewage works contact beds. Clinkers and ash from the incinerator are being used to cover this crude refuse, along with other available material.

SWIMMING BATH

A swimming bath was constructed at the Kington Secondary Modern School, and came into use during the summer of this year. A purification plant has been included with this installation and water is continually recirculated.

Two samples of water were taken from this swimming bath, and they were both found to be satisfactory.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The public conveniences in the town have remained satisfactory during the year. Provision has been made for the siting of additional conveniences on a new car park at the eastern end of the town, to the auction yard.

For visitors and other travellers passing through the town, additional facilities are being made available at petrol filling stations and some public houses. It is becoming accepted practice (more particularly in small market towns and rural areas) for these types of premises to make such facilities available, especially when they are carrying out new erections and modernisation.

RODENT CONTROL

A treatment service is being provided to both business and private premises, the latter being dealt with free of charge.

A recurring source of minor infestation has been the controlled refuse tip and incinerator, but adequate treatments are being made to ensure that this infestation is isolated in this area.

HOUSING

Slum Clearance

As reported last year, a revised list of 36 seriously sub-standard properties has been drawn up to be dealt with during the current five year period.

During the year, undertakings were received in respect of six premises. Other sub-standard properties have been improved privately or with the aid of grants.

Following receipt of the Ministry Circular 42/62 the Council agreed that, in order to publicise and encourage the use of improvement grants, to send property owners a copy of the leaflet "Improve your house with a Grant", with their next rate demand.

Council Houses

The twelve single bedroom flats at Crooked Well were completed and occupied at the beginning of the year. This terminates the present building programme on this site.

The Council have been negotiating for a further nine - two bedroom houses to be erected on land adjoining their other housing site.

Four more pre-war Council houses have been modernised with the aid of grants.

HOUSING (Continued)Private Housing

Five private houses were built during the year.

Improvement Grants (Discretionary)

Six applications were received for discretionary grants and these were approved.

Below are figures comparing the number of grants with those for previous years:

	1962	1961	1960	1959
No. of grants approved	6	4	7	5
Amount of grant approved	£1522	£985	£2190	£760

Improvement Grants (Standard)

Five applications were received and were approved for standard improvement grants. The figures comparing previous years are as follows:

	1962	1961	1960	1959
No. of grants approved	5	4	2	1

CARAVAN SITES

There are two individual caravan sites licenced in Kington. These sites are satisfactory, but one caravan is considered to be overcrowded.

FOOD PREMISES AND FOOD INSPECTION

The main food premises in the town are as follows:

Dairies	1
Slaughterhouses	1
Butchers	4
Bakehouses	4
Cafes, Public Houses, Stores etc.	36
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	46
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Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14

Premises registered under this section are:

Storage and sale of ice-cream: 10

Preparation or manufacture of
sausage meat: 4

FOOD PREMISES AND FOOD INSPECTION (Continued)

Only prepacked ice-cream is sold in the district. During the year there was one registration for the sale of ice-cream.

Slaughterhouse

At the beginning of the year a stunning pen was installed in the slaughter hall at these premises. The licence for the slaughterhouse was renewed.

Other Food Premises

One of the existing food premises in the main street has been demolished, and a new butcher's shop, with self contained living accommodation above, is being erected in its place.

Whilst satisfactory improvements can be carried out to food premises in the area, the only complete answer to properties which are seriously substandard is to follow this example, and be completely rebuilt.

Meat Inspection and Condemnation

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	26	80	-	202	205
<u>All diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	3	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	6	-	6	-
<u>Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses or part condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The cause of condemnation of the sheep was: peritonitis and emaciated and ill bled carcasses. The cause of condemnation of the pigs was: acute pneumonia and carcase containing multiple abscesses.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	18	18	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.	23	23	1	-

Cases in which defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	1	1
Provision of washing facilities	1	1

